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CALIFORNIA MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Modesto, Calif., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing with intent to distribute cocaine.

Patrick W. Willis, 40, of Modesto, was charged with possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on Oct. 17, 2005, in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kathleen D. Mahoney and Jane Pansing Brown. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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